(b) UPSC conducts the written examination for the post of Assistant Commandant in Central Police Forces according to the rules notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs for the said Examination.

The written examination for the post of Assistant Commandant comprises two papers *i.e.* Paper I and Paper II. The questions in Paper I are of objective type in which the questions are printed both in English and Hindi. in paper II the candidates are allowed the option of writing the Essay Component in Hindi or English but the medium of Precis writing and Comprehension Components of this paper is English only.

(c) At present candidates appearing only in the Civil Services (Main) Examination are allowed the option of writing their answers in English or any of the Eighth Schedule languages (except in the compulsory language papers). In the matter of extension of this facility to other examinations conducted by UPSC, given the importance and the sensitivity of the matter and, divergent views on the subject, Government's endeavour is and, has been , to evolve a consensus, before formulating a nationally acceptable policy, after holding wider consultation with State Governments and others concerned. Efforts in that direction are continuing.

Employment opportunities for engineers

†*238. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of engineers have increased in the country during the last decade;

(b) if so, the number thereof in 2003 as compared to 1993;

(c) whether it is also fact that employment opportunities for engineers have been depleting in the country at present; and

(d) if so, the number of unemployed engineers out of total number of engineers at present?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) In 1993, about 1,25,000 engineers obtained their degree/diploma from our engineering institutions (engineering colleges and polytechnics), whereas in 2003, about 2,50,000 engineers graduated in the country. In other words, as compared to the last decade, the outturn has doubled.

(c) No, Sir. Though the employment opportunities for engineers have increased, the outturn is more than the opportunities available for the engineers.

(d) Due to mismatch between availability of engineers and availability of opportunities, the number of unemployed engineers is on the increase. As per the estimate, around 2.00 lakhs engineers remained unemployed at the end of the year 2003 out of those who passed out during 1999-2002.

Recovery from RIM for misuse of ILD calls

*239. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has set up vigilance telecom cell in all metro cities to curb the menace of illegal international long distance calls; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Telecom Department proceeded against Reliance Indian Mobile for the recovering of the amount for misuse of ILD as local calls?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN) : (a) Vigilance Telecom Monitoring Cells have been set up in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Hyderabad to curb menace of illegal international calls.

(b) The Department of Telecommunications proceeded against M/s Reliance Infocomm Ltd. for violation of licence conditions for misuse of international long distance calls as local calls and a notice has been issued for imposing a penalty of Rs. 150 crores for violation of conditions of licence agreement.